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**Research Final Paper Rubric**

| REQUIREMENT  | POINTS POSSIBLE | POINTS EARNED |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Section 1: Format</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate header information, in correct order</li> <li>• Original title, centered on page</li> <li>• Typed, double-spaced</li> <li>• Times New Roman, 12-point font</li> </ul>  | 10              |               |
| <b>Section 2: Content (well-developed paragraphs)</b> <p><u>Effective Introduction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifies research topic with thesis statement</li> <li>• Arouses reader interest</li> <li>• Leads to thesis at the end of the paragraph</li> </ul> <p><u>Effective Body</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality of information</li> <li>• Variety of support(s)</li> <li>• Sufficient information</li> <li>• Effective quotations, cited properly</li> </ul> <p><u>Effective Conclusion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarizes thesis/brings paper to an effective close</li> <li>• Keeps reader's interest</li> </ul> | 40              |               |
| <b>Section 3: Mechanics</b> <p><u>Proper use of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Punctuation, capitalization, spelling and tense</li> <li>• Agreement, pronoun/antecedent agreement</li> <li>• Subject/verb agreement</li> <li>• Prepositions/prepositional phrases</li> <li>• Complete sentences, active voice</li> <li>• No words left out</li> </ul>   | 20              |               |
| <b>Section 4: Style and Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logical organization (follows thesis and outline)</li> <li>• Appropriate paragraph structure</li> <li>• Appropriate transitions</li> <li>• Variety in sentence structure</li> <li>• Specific, precise, formal word choice (no contractions)</li> <li>• Written in 3<sup>rd</sup> person point of view/ no personal pronouns</li> <li>• Avoidance of awkward writing</li> <li>• Avoidance of repetition/redundancy</li> </ul>   | 20              |               |
| <b>Section 5: MLA Requirements</b> <p>Properly formatted parenthetical citations</p> <p>Accurate WORKS CITED entries</p>   | 10              |               |
| <b>Total Points of Final Paper:</b>  | <b>100</b>      |               |

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**Research Process Points**

Below is the list of assignments that will be assessed for a grade throughout the research project process. It is important that you carefully review all instructional handouts provided in your Student Research Packet to make sure that you are completing each assignment correctly so that you can earn all points possible.

Please note that the projected due dates for each assignment is listed below as well, but they may be **subject to change** due to computer availability. Be sure to pay attention to the homework board and class announcements regarding any due date changes. Otherwise, be sure you are prepared to meet each date as listed below. It is extremely important that you do not fall behind in this research process.

| <b>Assignments:</b>                             | <b>Points Possible:</b> | <b>Projected Due Dates:</b>  |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| 3 research Questions                            | 2.5                     | Thurs. 1/31/13   |
| Topic with preliminary thesis statement         | 2.5                     | Tues. 2/5/13   |
| Bib cards (minimum of 3, correct format)        | 15                      | Mon. 2/11/13   |
| Note cards (minimum of 40, correct format)      | 30                      | Mon. 2/11/13   |
| Typed outline, correct format                   | 15                      | Thurs. 2/14/13   |
| Intro paragraph with finalized thesis statement | 5                       | Tues. 2/19/13  |
| Typed rough draft                               | 15                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> draft with<br>Parenthetical Citations: Mon. 2/25/13<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> draft w/ Works Cited: Mon. 3/4/13 |
| Self/Peer Editing revisions                     | 10                      | Tues. 3/5/13   |
| Typed works cited page                          | 5                       | Friday. 3/8/13   |
| Research Process Points Subtotal:               | 100                     | (all above)  |
| Final Paper (See separate rubric)               | + 100                   | Mon. 3/11/13   |
| <b>Research Project Total:</b>                  | <b>= 200</b>            |  |
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